

**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY OF LA MESA  
ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION  
6:00 PM, CITY MANAGER'S CONFERENCE ROOM  
8130 ALLISON AVENUE, LA MESA, CA 91942**

MINUTES  
March 18, 2019

1. CALL TO ORDER (6:02 p.m.)

2. ROLL CALL (X indicates present)

Jim Stone, Chair	X
Stephen Guiland, Vice Chair	Excused absence
Robin Rivet	X
Maria Hesse	X
Stephen Grooms	Excused absence
Andrea Beth Damsky	X
Ashley Simmons	Excused absence
Maggie Eggers (EDCO)	X
Joe Garuba (Helix Water District)	X
Chardá Fontenot (La Mesa-Spring Valley School District)	X
Vacant (Helix Charter High School)	
Vacant (SDG&E)	

Others present: Jenny Lybeck, Sustainability Analyst

Public: Mark Gracyk, Helix Water District; Wendy Mihalic, San Diego 350; Trey McDonald

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Wendy Mihalic suggested that a Fix-It Clinic could be held in La Mesa. Jim Stone asked if they could be invited to participate in the Earth Day Festival.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – February 18, 2019

Action:	Motion to approve minutes
Vote:	4-0-0
Ayes:	Stone, Rivet, Hesse, Damsky
Noes:	None
Abstained:	
Absent:	Guiland, Grooms, Simmons

5. CITY STAFF UPDATE

None.

6. CLIMATE ACTION PLAN SUBCOMMITTEE

Jenny Lybeck stated that the City's Traffic Engineering Project Manager, Jeff Manchester, provided a presentation on transportation efforts. The Commission requested that it be provided to the full group at a future meeting. Jim Stone spoke regarding Vision Zero efforts to eliminate pedestrian deaths and Jenny confirmed that the presentation would include relevant statistics.

7. LA MESA PARK & RECREATION FOUNDATION EARTH/ARBOR DAY EVENT – APRIL 27

No Commissioners are available to attend but requested those not in attendance at the meeting be asked. Helix Water and EDCO can help provide materials to hand out.

8. LA MESA COMMUNITY TREES (URBAN FORESTRY)

Recommendations from the Commission will be tabled until the CAL FIRE urban forestry grant award is announced in the coming months. The grant would incorporate Commission and public input in developing a tree management plan.

9. COMMUNITY GARDEN SUBCOMMITTEE

The Commission's recommendations were provided to the City Council at the February 26 meeting. Andrea Beth Damsky requested an update on future zoning changes. Andrea Beth announced that the Lemon Grove community garden grand opening is taking place on March 30 and that she would research ordinances from that and other agencies allowing community gardens. Maria Hesse indicated that funding for schools was available.

10. GREEN/FOOD WASTE RECOVERY SUBCOMMITTEE

Maggie Eggers stated that Bob Hill from EDCO would provide a recycling presentation at the next meeting.

11. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Robin Rivet attended a City of San Diego Climate Action Plan Urban Greening Committee meeting and would attend another on urban forestry.

Joe Garuba announced that the Helix Water District received the SDG&E Energy Showcase Award for energy efficiency.

Andrea Beth Damsky recommended seeing the Lake Elsinore poppy fields. She also voiced support of the students that have protested on climate topics internationally.

12. NEXT MEETING DATE

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 15, 2019.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

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